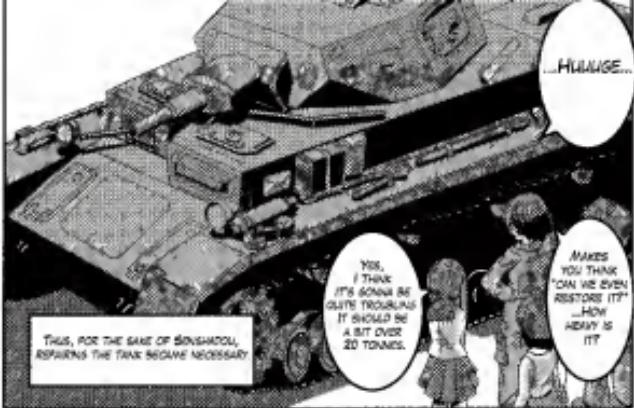
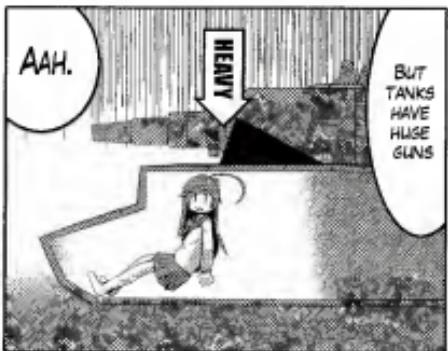
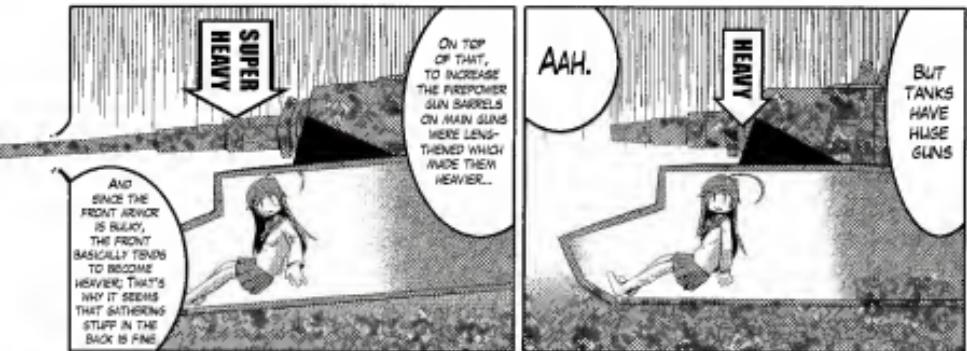


The Way of Maintenance

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FOR A NORMAL AUTOMOBILE, WE CAN MAKE IT WITH 20000-30000 PARTS

BUT A TANK?

I SUPPOSE THAT'S SO.

WHEN YOU TRY IT, THE AMOUNT OF STUFF THAT CAN BE DONE WITH "ONLY US" IS UNEXPECTEDLY SMALL.

WE NEED TO ORDER STANDARD BULLETPROOF GLASS FOR THE PERISCOPE QUICKLY TOO. THE SIGHTS AND OPTICS ARE COVERED IN MOLD. SHOULD WE ALSO ASK THE VENDOR FOR IT?

WITH THAT, WE'RE SOMEHOW DONE WITH THE ARMOR. THERE ARE ALSO DAMAGED GEARS... WE DON'T HAVE A GEAR CUTTING MACHINE AT THE AUTOMOTIVE CLUB.

THAT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE OTHER SCHOOLS DON'T MINDLESSLY MIX MULTINATIONAL TANKS.

BECAUSE THE TANK IS A CRYSTALLIZATION OF MANY INDUSTRIAL TECHNIQUES, WE CAN ONLY HANDLE BASIC MAINTENANCE ON SOMETHING THE SIZE OF ODAIRI ACADEMY SHIP.

A TOWN?

AND YOU WOULD ALSO NEED FACILITIES FOR THEIR PAVILIES TO LIVE, RIGHT? EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR ONE TANK, WON'T YOU NEED SOMETHING ON A SCALE OF TOWN?

ROUGHLY SPEAKING, FOR I TANK YOU WOULD NEED A MERCHANT FOR STEEL, GEARS, LENSES, GUN-POWDER...

WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF OUR AMERICAN CAR FAN SENPAI HAVEN'T LEFT US THEIR TOOLS.

ARE ALL THE SCREWS FOR M8 AND THE LIKES IN IMPERIAL SYSTEM?

WELL, THE SCALE IS SMALL, SO IT'S PROBABLY ON A LEVEL WE CAN HANDLE. BUT WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SAY THAT IF IT GETS BIGGER.

BUT WE HAVE SO MANY TANK TYPES MIXED IT MAKES MY HEAD HURT...

DO YOU THINK SO?

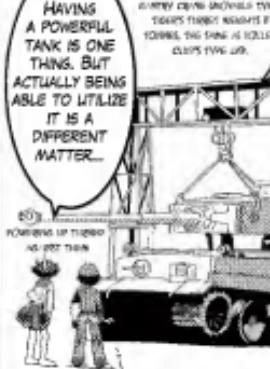
AH, TUCHI-SAN

NEVERTHELESS, FOR IT TO BE SO WORN-OUT...

OR SO I THOUGHT.

MAYBE THERE IS A CERTAIN MEANING TO IT.

HAVING A POWERFUL TANK IS ONE THING. BUT ACTUALLY BEING ABLE TO UTILIZE IT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER...



ESPECIALLY FOR THE TIGER, DEDICATED EQUIPMENT WERE USED FOR ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. TO THE POINT WHERE THE TANKS THEMSELVES HAD TO BE DEPLOYED IN INDEPENDENT HEAVY TANK BATTALIONS...

ARMED TANKS, ESPECIALLY IN THE SECOND HALF OF WAR, KILLED LOTS OF ENEMIES AND SHOT UNCONTROLLABLY WHILE RIDING.

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EVER SINCE AROUND THE PANTHER IV'S TIME, TANKS SPORADICALLY BECAME MASSIVE. THE SHAPE HAS ALSO CHANGED DUE TO THE SLOPED ARMOR.

IT SEEMS AROUND THE PANTHER'S TIME SPECIALIZED ROTATING EQUIPMENT BECAME NECESSARY TO ASSEMBLE A TANK HULL.

COULD IT BE THE PRESIDENT POSSIBLY ANTICIPATED THAT?

THERE ARE POSSIBILITIES FOR A PANTHER LIKE IV. AT FIRST WE'LL SOMEHOW RESTORE THE OLD SENSHADO EQUIPMENT WITH OUR CURRENT EQUIPMENT, THEN IT SHOULD BECOME POSSIBLE TO UPGRADE THE TANKS...

SO GOOD.

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WELL, THERE ARE IMPOSSIBLE THINGS, BUT... I FEEL THAT WITH OUR HEAVY VISIBLE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT WE CAN BARELY MAKE IT SLOWDOWN.

WHILE WE'RE AT IT, I FEEL LIKE OOURAI'S TANKS ARE JUST RIGHT IN A CERTAIN WAY.

FIRST, LET'S DO SOME MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE LIMIT OF OUR ABILITIES.

OKAY.

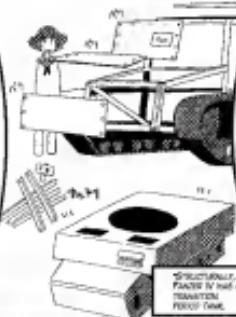
NEXT, LET'S DO SOME MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE LIMIT OF OUR ABILITIES.

YEAH, NO WAY.

PRESIDENT! YOU'RE DROPPING FOOD SCRAPS ON ME!



THE ARMOR ITSELF REINFORCES THE BODY SO PUTTING ITS WEIGHT ON THE FRAME IS GOOD TRADE-OFF.



BECAUSE THE EARLIEST ARMOR WAS STILL THIN, THE ARMOR PLATES ARE ATTACHED TO THE SO-CALLED FRAME.

BUT AMONG THE AUTOMOBILES, IT TOTALLY HAS A LADDER FRAME FROM AN OFFROAD CAR. I HAVE A FEELING LIKE THAT TOO.

BUT AS EXPECTED, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TANK AND AN AUTOMOBILE FEELS CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT.



IN CASE OF ARMOR, THE HEIGHT THAT'S USELESS FOR DEFENSE IS SHAVEN OFF! THE THICKNESS IS PLANNED IN MILLIMETERS.

OF COURSE!

TO WORRY ABOUT THE WEIGHT OF SUCH MINOR DETAILS IN A MASS HEAVY THING LIKE THIS...



YES. AH, HERE, WE MADE A LIST OF NECESSARY GOODS.



